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Reference repercussions in the Soviet Union to the assassination
of President KENNEDY.

Basing the first on personal judgment and the others on reports
from reliable diplomatic sources, I will give the following evalua-
tions:

The deep grief produced here by the assassination was
absolutely spontaneous and can be explained by the high culture of
the Soviet people, which enables them to rise above world events,
and by traditional Russian sentimentality.

The moment the news was received, because of the possibility of
international complications the military authorities increased their
security measures. These have now returned to normal.

High-ranking Soviet officials are concerned over what interna-
tional policy the new President will pursue, especially with respect
to Cuba, and, although it seems that MIKOYAN's feelings, after
speaking with the President and other high-ranking United States
officials, were moderately calm, Soviet leaders are waiting to learn
how the matter of the purchase of wheat in the United States will be
resolved and also for the conclusion of a new Soviet-United States
cultural agreement, in order to obtain a more clear idea of the above-
mentioned policy.

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